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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. DEPT CONCURS IN EMBASSY VIEW THAT US LOS TEAM VISIT
MANILA FOR TALKS ON ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS. EMBASSY SHOULD
INFORM GOP THAT USG IS PREPARED TO SEND TEAM, LED BY JOHN
NORTON MOORE, DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT

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FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, TO MANILA TO CONSULT ON

ARCHIPELAGO AND STRAITS QUESTIONS. EMBASSY MAY SUGGEST DATES OF DECEMBER 16-17.

2. FYI: UNDER SECRETARY MAW MAY VISIT MANILA EARLY IN 1975. IF SO WE HOPE TO HAVE HIM RAISE ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS END FYI.

3. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRY ABOUT NEW ELEMENTS OF FLEXIBILITY (REF B), WE EXPECT THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIANS ARE LIKELY TO RESULT IN SOME NARROWING OF ARCHIPELAGIC SEALANES, IF TRANSIT REGIME IS OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY. UNIMPEDED ARCHIPELAGIC TRANSIT IN THE NORMAL MODE, INCLUDING SUBMERGED TRANSIT AND OVERFLIGHT, AND RECIPROCAL SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS CONTINUE TO BE VITAL COM-

PONENTS OF ANY AGREEMENT.

4. SHOULD UNDERSTANDING BE REACHED, SENSITIVITY OF INDONESIANS AND PHILIPPINES TO ANY OBVIOUS AGREEMENT WITH MAJOR POWERS ALSO SUGGESTS NEED FOR SOME FLEXIBILITY AS TO TIMING AND MANNER OF THEIR SUPPORT FOR US STRAITS REGIME.

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